

Ad Hoc Water Quality Working Group

January 22, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Group Members – Carl Elefante, co-chair; Amy Quant, Steve Shofar, Mark Pfefferle, Rick Brush, John Cook, Dusty Rood, Rich Thometz, Diane Cameron, co-chair
Guests – Rose Krasnow, Cathy Conlon, Claire Iseli, Mary Dolan, Bob Harris, Mike McCann, Nancy Aldous, Mark Etheridge, Bette Petrides, Bob Egan, Keith Van Ness
Staff – Joyce Fuhrmann
Group Members Absent – Keith Levchenko

Carl Elefante assumed the Chair to begin the meeting. Working Group Members and guests introduced themselves. Carl Elefante requested an update on report section drafts. Joyce Fuhrmann has compiled everything she has received to date into one Word document and will circulate it to everyone later today.

The Group turned to its first guest speaker, Rose Krasnow, Chief of Development Review, Montgomery County Planning Department, MNCPPC for her remarks on the development review process and environmental considerations in particular. Ms. Krasnow shared her perspective on Clarksburg in general and offered some lessons learned from her experience as mayor of Rockville before getting into the details of development review. Group members had an opportunity to ask questions throughout Ms. Krasnow's remarks.

Rick Brush introduced the next guest speaker - Mark Etheridge of the Water Resources Plan Review section, Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS). Mark also heads up the Policy and Design Committee for the department and he is also the plan reviewer in DPS for the Inter County Connector. Mark Etheridge discussed the evolution of stormwater management approaches and how the county's review process has also changed. Rose Krasnow joined this discussion as well to highlight the points at which the DPS requirements and process connect with the development review requirements and process.

Next, Keith Van Ness, Aquatic Biologist Supervisor with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection returned to speak to the group about other Special Protections Areas (SPAs) in Montgomery County. He presented slides – 'Notes from the Field' – that included some data on the 4 SPAs in Montgomery County: Clarksburg, Upper Rock Creek, Paint Branch and Piney Branch. Keith Van Ness announced to the Group that the 2008 Special Protection Area report would be out "any day now." Steve Shofar will ensure that the Group sees it as soon as it is available. Working Group members asked a variety of questions of Keith on his experience with the

SPAs. Keith will send a pdf of the slides he presented today to Joyce Fuhrmann for the Group's future use.

Co-chair Carl Elefante asked if there were any additional issues for consideration. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting.